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COUNTY EXECUTIVE EMBRACES USE OF STIMULUS FUNDS IN 2010 COUNTY BUDGET

Milwaukee, WI – A number of Milwaukee County Supervisors are responding to County Executive Scott Walker's use of stimulus funds in his 2010 County Budget, as presented to the County Board of Supervisors this morning. "The message sent by the County Executive in his budget address is clear," Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., said. "He has wisely decided to utilize federal stimulus dollars that the County Board worked so hard to get."

"With this decision, County Executive Scott Walker is embracing President Barack Obama's decision to embrace creating jobs through the use of stimulus dollars in Milwaukee County," Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., said, "including the purchase of new transit buses, important improvements at General Mitchell International Airport, and more favorable interest rates on long-term bonding. None of this would have been possible without the help of the stimulus."

"Even though the County Executive opposed even *seeking* these funds in the first place, which lead to the creation of the County Board's Task Force on Economic Stimulus, we are pleased that the County Executive has reversed course and has embraced using stimulus dollars to invest in capital projects and create opportunities for Milwaukee County residents," said Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb. "Everyone knows we have an urgent need in this County to create well-paying jobs. As such, government must step up and be a good partner in this regard. Stimulus funds are helping us do just that."

"A lot of people say that I don't give the County Executive credit when he does something right," Supervisor Weishan added. "Well, in this case I am issuing a public statement congratulating the County Executive for seeing the light and embracing the use of stimulus funds in Milwaukee County. I look forward to creating more jobs and opportunities for the residents of Milwaukee County moving forward."

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